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DERESERVATION OF ITEMS UNDER SSI
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have mooted a proposal seeking to dereserve all the items currently under the exclusive domain of the Small Scale Industry Units;

(b) if so, whether the main purpose was that total dereservation is sought to be achieved by April 1, 2001;

(c) if so, whether the Government have received the report of the Group of Ministers on this issue;

(d) if so, the main recommendations made thereon; and

(e) the extent which these recommendations have been fully implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, to enable further new investment and technology upgradation in some of the key export oriented sectors, Budget 2001-2002 proposed to dereserve another 14 items related to leather goods, shoes and toys. The Government examines the issue of reservation/dereservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small-scale sector on a continual basis and decisions in this respect are taken after considering all relevant aspects.

(c) to (e): The Group of Ministers constituted to consider and evolve a road map for selective dereservation in respect of productions presently reserved for SSI Sector for enabling a phased and orderly transition and increasing national competitiveness, in its last meeting deferred the decision on
(i) continuation of reservation and
(ii) drawing up of a road map for dereservation.